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Dear Mr. Guy and Ms. McAtee:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has received the Calista Corporation's July 22, 2016 letter requesting the opportunity to consult with Region 10 senior management on the Donlin Gold Project and EPA's May 31, 2016 comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). We also recognize that the Calista Corporation would like to discuss a process to address the issues identified in EPA's comments.

In response to your request, EPA Region 10 senior management and staff are available to meet with the Calista Corporation. We would like to better understand the concerns and issues identified in your letter and to clarify EPA's roles and responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, and as a cooperating agency on the Donlin Gold Project. In addition, we would like to share information regarding our approach to consultation on NEPA-related projects.

EPA would be willing to host this meeting at our Regional Office in Seattle, Washington, or if you prefer, at our Alaska Operations Office in Anchorage, Alaska. If we were to meet in Seattle, the proposed dates are September 12th (afternoon) or September 14th. If we were to meet in Anchorage, we will need to work together to find an alternate meeting date. To confirm this meeting or to propose alternate dates or locations for this meeting, please have your staff contact Mark Jen in the Alaska Operations Office in Anchorage at (907) 271-3411 or by email at jen.mark@epa.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, we can be reached directly in Seattle at (206) 553-2581 or by email at allnutt.david@epa.gov, or in Anchorage at (907) 271-3425 or by email at soderlund.dianne@epa.gov.

We look forward to this opportunity to discuss the Donlin Gold Project and our comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement with the Calista Corporation.

Sincerely,

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R. David Allnutt, Director
Office of Environmental Review and Assessment

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Dianne Soderlund, Director
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cc: David Hobbie, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, Anchorage, AK
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